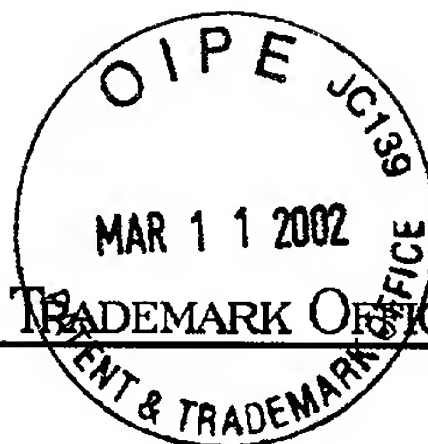




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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
  - Papers contain improper margins. *Each sheet must have a left margin of at least 2.5 cm (1") and top, bottom and right margins of at least 2.0 cm (3/4")*

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Applicant: Manfred GERRESHEIM et al. Conf.:  
Appl. No.: 10/072,903 Group: UNASSIGNED  
Filed: February 8, 2002 Examiner: UNASSIGNED  
For: PREPARATION FOR SEALING PUNCTURED TIRES AND  
APPARATUS FOR THE SEALING AND PUMPING UP OF TIRES

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

March 11, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Correct Application Papers in the above-identified U.S. patent application, Applicants deny that the papers are not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52 because they contain improper margins. Each sheet of the papers filed herein of the specification and claims have a left hand margin of at least 2.5 cm and top, bottom and right margins of at least 2.0 cm. Although Applicants are unaware of any lack of compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52, out of an excess of caution, Applicants submit a substitute specification of 25 pages, all of which are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. No new matter has been added to this substitute specification. In addition to the 25 pages of specification in the substitute specification, there is also

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attached an Abstract and claim pages 26-29. The Abstract as well as the claim pages also conform to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.52.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Notification of Noncompliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52 be withdrawn.

Should it be necessary to contact Applicants' representative in connection with this application, it is suggested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone in the Washington Metropolitan area at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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